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MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

September 1993 Data

A Monthly Review of Labor Market Information

Highlights

Missouri labor market conditions improved in September. The decrease in the unemployment rate and the increase in payroll employment both exceeded normal seasonal changes.

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 percent. It had been 6.0 percent in August and 5.6 percent in September 1992.

Payroll employment grew by 32,400 jobs in September. Much of the growth occurred in state and local government with the reopening of public schools and colleges, but there were also notable gains in services and in transportation and public utilities. Over-the-year growth has returned to more than 20,000 jobs; the growth has been concentrated in services, state and local government, construction, and transportation and public utilities.

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.4 percent in August to 5.8 percent in September. Employment gains occurred in public and private schools, school bus companies, temporary help agencies, and construction, pushing nonfarm payroll employment up by 16,500 jobs. Over the year, payroll employment has grown by 4,500 jobs. Significant gains were reported in transportation, trade, and services, but transportation equipment manufacturing job losses continued to slow the pace of economic recovery. Despite the recent gains, September 1993 payroll employment was still 24,600 lower than the September 1990 total.

The Kansas City unemployment rate edged down to 4.9 percent, the lowest rate of 1993 to date. Much of the drop can be attributed to seasonal factors, as summer job seekers withdrew from the labor force and school employees returned to work. Nonfarm payroll employment rose by an above-average monthly gain of 8,000 jobs. Most of the increase resulted from the reopening of area schools and the return of auto assembly workers, who were laid off due to a parts shortage. Over the past year, most industries posted moderate to above-average gains, which contributed to payroll employment adding a net 7,800 jobs.

Springfield unemployment also dropped in September. The rate dipped four-tenths of a point to 4.1 percent while the jobless number fell by 500 to 5,700. Nonfarm payroll employment grew by 4,000 jobs, mostly in public and private schools and colleges. Trade employment increased, while construction activity diminished. Employment in manufacturing was unchanged.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - September 1993 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - August 1993 (Revised)				One Year Ago - September 1992 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	127,975	119,457	8,517	6.7	128,370	119,710	8,661	6.7	127,274	117,724	9,550	7.5
Missouri	2,729,720	2,576,038	153,682	5.6	2,689,918	2,533,399	156,519	5.8	2,676,492	2,509,998	166,494	6.2
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	127,858	119,730	8,128	6.4	129,472	121,002	8,470	6.5	127,044	117,953	9,090	7.2
Missouri	2,711,142	2,564,205	146,937	5.4	2,680,098	2,520,629	159,469	6.0	2,659,136	2,510,095	149,041	5.6
St. Louis MSA	1,261,668	1,188,681	72,987	5.8	1,257,386	1,176,894	80,492	6.4	1,256,605	1,185,442	71,163	5.7
Kansas City MSA	876,428	833,773	42,655	4.9	878,290	830,871	47,419	5.4	861,919	819,092	42,827	5.0
Springfield MSA	140,127	134,408	5,719	4.1	136,383	130,196	6,187	4.5	136,862	130,053	6,809	5.0
Joplin MSA	77,615	73,695	3,920	5.1	76,618	72,355	4,263	5.6	75,763	71,284	4,479	5.9
Columbia MSA	75,336	73,189	2,147	2.8	73,569	71,307	2,262	3.1	72,540	70,299	2,241	3.1
St. Joseph MSA	43,679	40,297	3,382	7.7	43,459	39,835	3,624	8.3	42,345	39,540	2,805	6.6
Marion/Ralls LMA	20,504	19,482	1,022	5.0	20,393	19,141	1,252	6.1	19,190	18,261	929	4.8
Cole/Osage LMA	45,199	43,667	1,532	3.4	44,882	43,111	1,771	3.9	43,435	41,819	1,616	3.7
Adair/Schuyler LMA	14,370	13,841	529	3.7	13,481	12,871	610	4.5	13,347	12,890	457	3.4
COUNTIES:												
Andrew	7,368	6,910	458	6.2	7,400	6,910	490	6.6	7,567	7,152	415	5.5
Atchison	2,847	2,736	111	3.9	2,932	2,760	172	5.9	3,196	3,027	169	5.3
Audrain	11,124	10,572	552	5.0	10,946	10,358	588	5.4	10,715	10,141	574	5.4
Barry	14,668	13,932	736	5.0	14,600	13,806	794	5.4	14,552	13,801	751	5.2
Barton	6,469	6,274	195	3.0	6,380	6,152	228	3.6	5,886	5,640	246	4.2
Bates	6,806	6,358	448	6.6	6,582	6,101	481	7.3	6,528	6,113	415	6.4
Benton	5,958	5,569	389	6.5	5,907	5,452	455	7.7	5,822	5,407	415	7.1
Bollinger	4,152	3,876	276	6.6	4,030	3,731	299	7.4	4,298	3,963	335	7.8
Butler	18,315	17,176	1,139	6.2	17,962	16,755	1,207	6.7	17,899	16,680	1,219	6.8
Caldwell	3,212	2,993	219	6.8	3,194	2,941	253	7.9	3,276	3,034	242	7.4
Callaway	15,992	15,272	720	4.5	15,608	14,733	875	5.6	16,207	15,386	821	5.1
Camden	18,049	17,235	814	4.5	18,286	17,527	759	4.2	16,610	15,775	835	5.0
Cape Girardeau	37,818	36,412	1,406	3.7	37,124	35,573	1,551	4.2	35,813	34,246	1,567	4.4
Carroll	4,591	4,191	400	8.7	4,676	4,084	592	12.7	4,605	4,270	335	7.3
Carter	2,211	2,015	196	8.9	2,129	1,916	213	10.0	2,063	1,875	188	9.1
Cedar	4,764	4,504	260	5.5	4,792	4,455	337	7.0	4,718	4,416	302	6.4
Chariton	4,353	4,028	325	7.5	4,547	4,157	390	8.6	4,445	4,121	324	7.3
Clark	3,981	3,735	246	6.2	4,028	3,645	383	9.5	4,030	3,846	184	4.6
Clinton	7,856	7,483	373	4.7	7,756	7,343	413	5.3	7,827	7,429	398	5.1
Cooper	7,789	7,416	373	4.8	7,873	7,429	444	5.6	7,539	7,189	350	4.6
Crawford	11,502	10,674	828	7.2	11,248	10,405	843	7.5	10,655	9,750	905	8.5
Dade	3,191	3,064	127	4.0	3,226	3,073	153	4.7	3,181	2,992	189	5.9
Dallas	4,353	3,973	380	8.7	4,354	3,950	404	9.3	4,111	3,676	435	10.6
Daviess	3,862	3,629	233	6.0	3,757	3,518	239	6.4	3,874	3,647	227	5.9
DeKalb	4,430	4,207	223	5.0	4,471	4,195	276	6.2	4,395	4,156	239	5.4
Dent	6,600	6,207	393	6.0	6,651	6,229	422	6.3	6,341	5,832	509	8.0
Douglas	4,940	4,653	287	5.8	4,798	4,501	297	6.2	4,748	4,419	329	6.9
Dunklin	13,903	12,866	1,037	7.5	13,777	12,591	1,186	8.6	14,099	12,981	1,118	7.9
Gasconade	7,481	6,929	552	7.4	7,606	6,898	708	9.3	7,755	7,134	621	8.0
Gentry	2,955	2,836	119	4.0	2,877	2,749	128	4.4	2,790	2,694	96	3.4
Grundy	5,385	5,106	279	5.2	5,233	4,943	290	5.5	5,091	4,867	224	4.4
Harrison	4,470	4,291	179	4.0	4,500	4,328	172	3.8	4,307	4,153	154	3.6
Henry	8,807	8,234	573	6.5	8,637	8,036	601	7.0	8,581	7,953	628	7.3
Hickory	3,112	2,900	212	6.8	3,014	2,805	209	6.9	3,012	2,811	201	6.7
Holt	2,530	2,390	140	5.5	2,536	2,329	207	8.2	2,357	2,243	114	4.8

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Howard	4,687	4,499	188	4.0	4,736	4,460	276	5.8	4,786	4,590	196	4.1
Howell	15,645	14,785	860	5.5	15,402	14,453	949	6.2	14,928	14,027	901	6.0
Iron	2,690	2,345	345	12.8	2,683	2,291	392	14.6	2,695	2,270	425	15.8
Johnson	21,447	20,612	835	3.9	19,764	18,854	910	4.6	20,849	19,813	1,036	5.0
Knox	1,780	1,690	90	5.1	1,837	1,744	93	5.1	1,702	1,620	82	4.8
Laclede	13,574	12,720	854	6.3	13,228	12,294	934	7.1	12,955	11,972	983	7.6
Lawrence	14,226	13,435	791	5.6	14,019	13,185	834	5.9	14,581	13,741	840	5.8
Lewis	5,043	4,728	315	6.2	5,068	4,636	432	8.5	4,810	4,498	312	6.5
Lincoln	15,070	13,731	1,339	8.9	14,917	13,319	1,598	10.7	14,836	13,865	971	6.5
Linn	7,031	6,277	754	10.7	6,880	6,239	641	9.3	6,821	6,070	751	11.0
Livingston	7,044	6,713	331	4.7	6,901	6,574	327	4.7	6,692	6,398	294	4.4
McDonald	9,933	9,523	410	4.1	9,636	9,171	465	4.8	10,422	9,888	534	5.1
Macon	8,865	8,253	612	6.9	8,729	8,069	660	7.6	8,608	8,243	365	4.2
Madison	4,380	4,003	377	8.6	4,346	3,905	441	10.1	4,932	4,343	589	11.9
Maries	4,114	3,842	272	6.6	3,513	3,197	316	9.0	4,742	4,262	480	10.1
Mercer	1,696	1,611	85	5.0	1,606	1,532	74	4.6	1,452	1,355	97	6.7
Miller	8,849	8,212	637	7.2	8,958	8,266	692	7.7	8,909	8,129	780	8.8
Mississippi	7,539	6,943	596	7.9	7,302	6,652	650	8.9	7,593	6,883	710	9.4
Moniteau	6,580	6,226	354	5.4	6,481	6,047	434	6.7	6,893	6,405	488	7.1
Monroe	5,152	4,919	233	4.5	5,125	4,895	230	4.5	4,887	4,638	249	5.1
Montgomery	5,391	5,064	327	6.1	5,533	5,097	436	7.9	5,095	4,788	307	6.0
Morgan	8,242	7,810	432	5.2	8,309	7,829	480	5.8	7,934	7,407	527	6.6
New Madrid	9,703	9,027	676	7.0	9,697	8,957	740	7.6	10,284	9,512	772	7.5
Nodaway	11,871	11,517	354	3.0	11,031	10,753	278	2.5	11,423	11,153	270	2.4
Oregon	4,074	3,871	203	5.0	4,015	3,744	271	6.7	3,903	3,659	244	6.3
Ozark	3,727	3,548	179	4.8	3,683	3,485	198	5.4	3,665	3,496	169	4.6
Pemiscot	8,963	8,133	830	9.3	8,739	7,792	947	10.8	9,417	8,632	785	8.3
Perry	10,379	9,815	564	5.4	10,502	9,743	759	7.2	10,636	10,161	475	4.5
Pettis	19,732	18,513	1,219	6.2	19,468	18,189	1,279	6.6	19,414	18,098	1,316	6.8
Phelps	17,373	16,531	842	4.8	17,233	16,342	891	5.2	17,095	16,209	886	5.2
Pike	7,875	7,312	563	7.1	7,878	7,260	618	7.8	7,639	7,171	468	6.1
Polk	12,035	11,552	483	4.0	11,705	11,227	478	4.1	11,564	10,929	635	5.5
Pulaski	13,059	12,113	946	7.2	12,619	11,662	957	7.6	13,325	12,337	988	7.4
Putnam	2,174	2,071	103	4.7	2,183	2,081	102	4.7	2,108	2,035	73	3.5
Randolph	11,056	10,334	722	6.5	10,641	9,882	759	7.1	10,458	9,847	611	5.8
Reynolds	2,321	2,160	161	6.9	2,238	2,062	176	7.9	2,293	2,097	196	8.5
Ripley	4,637	4,269	368	7.9	4,499	4,083	416	9.2	4,495	4,143	352	7.8
St. Clair	3,729	3,506	223	6.0	3,953	3,733	220	5.6	3,728	3,489	239	6.4
Ste. Genevieve	7,009	6,526	483	6.9	7,159	6,434	725	10.1	6,524	6,114	410	6.3
St. Francois	23,220	21,359	1,861	8.0	22,935	20,996	1,939	8.5	22,415	20,606	1,809	8.1
Saline	11,334	10,720	614	5.4	11,110	10,434	676	6.1	10,588	9,828	760	7.2
Scotland	2,372	2,291	81	3.4	2,383	2,293	90	3.8	2,244	2,160	84	3.7
Scott	18,779	17,443	1,336	7.1	18,313	16,987	1,326	7.2	18,891	17,462	1,429	7.6
Shannon	3,621	3,340	281	7.8	3,614	3,335	279	7.7	3,569	3,301	268	7.5
Shelby	3,776	3,610	166	4.4	3,730	3,589	141	3.8	3,646	3,518	128	3.5
Stoddard	13,618	12,617	1,001	7.4	13,235	12,211	1,024	7.7	14,481	13,419	1,062	7.3
Stone	11,541	10,881	660	5.7	11,771	11,133	638	5.4	9,286	8,697	589	6.3
Sullivan	3,674	3,541	133	3.6	3,560	3,435	125	3.5	3,455	3,337	118	3.4
Taney	25,519	24,686	833	3.3	25,607	24,701	906	3.5	20,408	19,546	862	4.2
Texas	9,164	8,136	1,028	11.2	8,869	7,778	1,091	12.3	9,112	8,414	698	7.7
Vernon	8,703	8,370	333	3.8	9,032	8,616	416	4.6	8,911	8,527	384	4.3
Warren	10,508	9,698	810	7.7	10,362	9,440	922	8.9	9,960	9,354	606	6.1
Washington	6,479	5,584	895	13.8	6,314	5,315	999	15.8	6,756	5,766	990	14.7
Wayne	4,936	4,331	605	12.3	4,995	4,408	587	11.8	5,295	4,785	510	9.6
Webster	11,283	10,600	683	6.1	10,868	10,153	715	6.6	10,732	9,892	840	7.8
Worth	1,200	1,154	46	3.8	1,131	1,092	39	3.4	1,158	1,117	41	3.5
Wright	7,960	7,339	621	7.8	7,516	6,906	610	8.1	6,985	6,478	507	7.3

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment continued to fall in September, decreasing by more than the seasonally expected amount. The rate fell six-tenths of a point from August to 5.4 percent, the lowest it has been this year and two-tenths of a point below the year-earlier figure. The seasonally adjusted rate, at 5.6 percent, also fell to its lowest level of the year.

Total employment increased strongly in September, growing by nearly 44,000 from August to 2,564,200. The trend in total employment has been strongly upward since about April of this year, but these movements should be seen as part of a longer-term picture that has been dominated by large, seemingly unpredictable fluctuations.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment remains a better gauge of employment conditions. Payroll employment grew by 32,400 jobs in September, somewhat stronger than the expected seasonal gain. Most of the increase occurred in state and local government with the reopening of public schools and colleges for the fall semester, but there were also notable gains in services (3,300 jobs) and transportation and public utilities (2,400 jobs). Manufacturing was also up by 800 jobs, primarily the result of a recall in the automobile industry.

With the relatively strong showing this month, over-the-year employment growth has returned to more than 20,000 jobs, following a period of weakness. Growth continued to be concentrated in services (13,000 jobs), state and local government (7,700 jobs), construction (4,400 jobs), and transportation and utilities (2,600 jobs). Manufacturing remained a drag on employment growth, although there was some evidence that factory employment may be bottoming out. Over-the-year losses have been concentrated in transportation equipment (7,900 jobs) and fabricated metal products (1,400 jobs).

The factory workweek edged up to 41.3 hours in September, as manufacturers continued to use overtime as a means of increasing production. The September figure was about average for the past seven months, but high by historical standards. Average earnings were also up in September, with the hourly figure increasing by 22 cents to $11.71 and weekly earnings growing by $12.53 (2.7 percent) to $483.62. The weekly figure was 6.0 percent higher than a year ago.

Average weekly hours in the private service-producing sector fell by 0.9 hours to 32.4 hours. Average hourly earnings were up 10 cents to $9.31, but the decrease in hours led to a drop in average weekly earnings of $5.05 to $301.64. Still, this figure was 4.4 percent higher than a year ago.

Conditions remained strong in the construction industry. From September 1992 to September 1993, average weekly hours increased by 1.4 hours to 36.6, while average weekly earnings grew by 8.1 percent to $649.65.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Economic growth continued to accelerate in the third quarter of 1993. Production of goods and services in the U.S. is estimated to have increased at a 2.8 percent annual rate in the July-September period. This increase was far better than the 0.8 percent and 1.9 percent annual rates of growth reported for the first two quarters of the year, but is still below the performance of late 1992. Analysts say that the growth would have been even stronger were it not for floods in the Midwest and drought in the Southeast.

In September, national unemployment remained at 6.7 percent of the labor force, while payroll employment grew by 156,000 jobs. The manufacturing industries lost jobs for the seventh consecutive month, but September losses were smaller than they had been. Since early 1992, the economy has added 2.4 million jobs. The unemployment rate has dropped a full percentage point since peaking in June 1992.

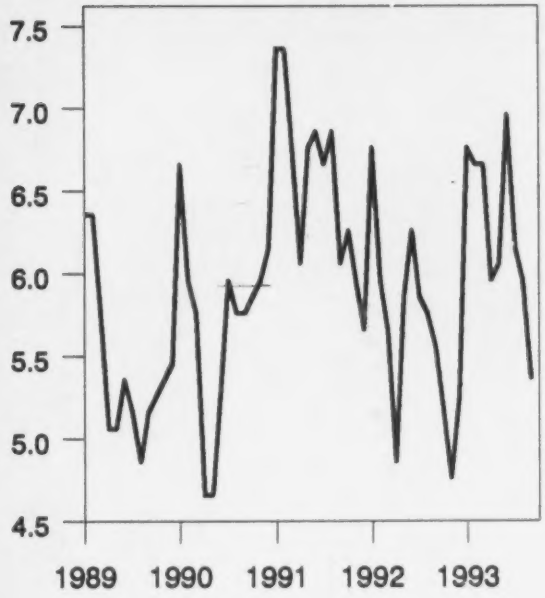
Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators increased again in September, suggesting continuing growth into next year. Although the increase was not as large as in August, the two months represent the strongest performance since January. Before August, the index had shown little clear trend.

Despite this increase, consumer confidence fell in October, according to a widely followed index. The Conference Board's index had increased in September but had shown little net change since June. Analysts believe that consumers remain somewhat pessimistic about the immediate future.

September was a fairly strong month for Missouri employment and unemployment, and relatively little change is expected in October.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



Missouri Payroll Employment

Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1993 are preliminary, while 1992 data are benchmarked.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been adjusted to the March 1992 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are those in effect prior to December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene and Christian counties.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Missouri (Statewide)

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Sept. 1993[P]	August 1992	Sept. 1992	August 1992	Sept. 1992
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,337,700	2,328,500	2,316,800	9,200	20,900
MINING	4,300	4,200	4,700	100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	95,000	93,200	90,600	1,800	4,400
MANUFACTURING	398,900	399,400	407,200	-500	-8,300
DURABLE GOODS	211,200	211,500	220,500	-300	-9,300
NONDURABLE GOODS	187,700	187,900	186,700	-200	1,000
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	152,900	152,800	150,300	100	2,600
TRADE	554,600	553,800	553,500	800	1,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	137,900	138,000	138,200	-100	-300
RETAIL TRADE	416,700	415,800	415,300	900	1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	137,900	137,600	135,900	300	2,000
SERVICES	615,700	612,200	602,800	3,500	12,900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	378,400	375,300	371,800	3,100	6,600
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,367,200	2,334,800	2,345,900	32,400	21,300
GOODS PRODUCING	508,000	507,700	512,100	300	-4,100
MINING	4,500	4,400	4,900	100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	100,400	101,000	96,000	-600	4,400
General Building Contractors	25,600	24,800	24,400	800	1,200
Heavy Construction	13,600	13,900	12,800	-300	800
Special Trade Contractors	61,200	62,300	58,800	-1,100	2,400
MANUFACTURING	403,100	402,300	411,200	800	-8,100
DURABLE GOODS	214,400	213,000	223,500	1,400	-9,100
Lumber & Wood Products	11,000	10,800	11,000	200	0
Furniture & Fixtures	13,800	13,700	13,500	100	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,300	10,500	10,000	-200	300
Primary Metal Industries	10,800	10,700	11,100	100	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	32,000	32,000	33,400	0	-1,400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	32,700	32,500	31,500	200	1,200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	30,500	30,300	30,700	200	-200
Transportation Equipment	55,200	54,100	63,100	1,100	-7,900
Motor vehicles & equipment	24,400	23,400	27,900	1,000	-3,500
Aircraft & parts	25,700	25,800	28,800	-100	-3,100
Instruments & Related Products	10,700	10,900	11,600	-200	-900
NONDURABLE GOODS	188,700	189,300	187,700	-600	1,000
Food & Kindred Products	49,900	49,600	49,000	300	900
Beverages	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	100
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	23,300	23,400	22,300	-100	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	14,000	14,200	14,100	-200	-100
Printing & Publishing	42,400	42,600	42,400	-200	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	28,800	29,100	29,400	-300	-600
Leather & Leather Products	10,800	11,000	11,300	-200	-500
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,859,200	1,827,100	1,833,800	32,100	25,400
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,482,200	1,479,300	1,463,400	2,900	18,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	155,000	152,600	152,400	2,400	2,600
Railroad Transportation	8,600	8,600	9,000	0	-400
Trucking & Warehousing	50,500	50,800	48,500	-300	2,000
Transportation by Air	17,600	17,500	18,000	100	-400
Communications	36,200	36,000	35,700	200	500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,300	20,700	20,500	-400	-200
TRADE	562,300	564,100	561,000	-1,800	1,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	138,900	138,700	139,100	200	-200
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	78,600	78,400	78,800	200	-200
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	0
Lumber & construction materials	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Professional & commercial equipment	13,700	13,800	15,100	-100	-1,400
Electrical goods	8,800	8,700	8,600	100	200
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,600	6,600	6,100	0	500
Machinery, equipment & supplies	18,500	18,500	18,300	0	200
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	60,300	60,300	60,300	0	0
Groceries & related	18,100	18,000	18,000	100	100
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	-200
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	423,400	425,400	421,900	-2,000	1,500
Building materials & garden supplies	18,400	18,700	18,200	-300	200
General merchandise stores	57,500	57,100	56,900	400	600
Food stores	60,200	59,800	59,100	400	1,100
Automotive dealers/service stations	52,800	52,600	51,900	200	900
Apparel & accessory stores	22,000	22,600	22,300	-600	-300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	15,300	15,300	15,000	0	300
Eating & drinking places	155,500	157,300	155,800	-1,800	-300

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment *(Continued)* — Missouri (Statewide)

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Sept. 1993P	August 1993	Sept. 1992	August 1993	Sept. 1992
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	138,700	139,700	136,800	-1,000	1,900
Depository Institutions	45,900	46,000	44,900	-100	1,000
Nondepository Institutions	8,700	8,600	8,400	100	300
Security & Commodity Brokers	14,000	13,900	12,600	100	1,400
Insurance Carriers	30,100	30,300	30,700	-200	-600
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,100	13,100	13,200	0	-100
Real Estate	22,800	23,700	22,800	-900	0
Holding & Other Investment Offices	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
SERVICES	626,200	622,900	613,200	3,300	13,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28,900	29,700	29,900	-800	-1,000
Personal Services	27,400	27,000	26,400	400	1,000
Business Services	101,600	100,100	99,800	1,500	1,800
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	20,400	20,500	19,500	-100	900
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	32,900	35,900	35,000	-3,000	-2,100
Health Services	211,700	211,900	205,300	-200	6,400
Hospitals (private)	101,100	101,600	99,200	-500	1,900
Legal Services	15,100	15,400	14,800	-300	300
Educational Services (private)	44,300	37,200	42,700	7,100	1,600
Social Services	44,100	43,400	41,900	700	2,200
Membership Organizations	44,900	46,400	44,000	-1,500	900
Engineering & Management Services	36,100	36,300	35,500	-200	600
Agricultural Services	10,600	10,900	10,400	-300	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	377,000	347,800	370,400	29,200	6,600
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	68,500	68,800	69,600	-300	-1,100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	93,700	87,700	91,400	6,000	2,300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	214,800	191,300	209,400	23,500	5,400

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	365,200	363,900	364,500	40.3	40.3	39.1	$12.92	$12.76	$12.50	$520.68	$514.23	$488.75
CONSTRUCTION	79,400	80,100	75,700	36.6	37.6	35.2	17.75	17.60	17.07	649.65	661.76	600.86
MANUFACTURING	282,300	280,300	285,100	41.3	41.0	40.0	11.71	11.49	11.41	483.62	471.09	456.40
DURABLE GOODS	150,300	148,100	155,900	42.0	41.4	40.7	12.59	12.27	12.41	528.78	507.98	505.09
Lumber & Wood Products	8,600	8,400	8,700	37.8	37.6	39.1	8.38	8.12	7.70	316.76	305.31	301.07
Furniture & Fixtures	10,700	10,700	10,700	39.6	40.1	41.4	9.19	8.71	8.58	363.92	349.27	355.21
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,900	8,100	7,800	43.7	41.6	42.3	13.05	12.33	12.47	570.29	512.93	527.48
Primary Metal Industries	8,000	7,900	8,600	46.9	45.5	43.6	13.02	12.78	12.82	610.64	581.49	558.95
Fabricated Metal Products	22,300	22,200	22,900	42.2	42.0	42.1	12.66	12.19	11.87	534.25	511.98	499.73
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	23,000	22,800	21,700	41.3	39.7	38.5	11.86	11.67	11.20	489.82	463.30	431.20
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	23,800	23,200	23,700	40.6	41.2	38.8	9.49	9.37	9.49	385.29	386.04	368.21
Transportation Equipment	35,500	34,400	40,000	43.8	43.0	41.6	17.45	17.24	17.74	764.31	741.32	737.98
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,300	20,200	24,600	45.0	44.3	41.7	17.86	17.64	17.71	803.70	781.45	738.51
Instruments & Related Products	4,700	4,700	5,700	40.6	40.3	39.2	10.90	10.70	11.08	442.54	431.21	434.34
NONDURABLE GOODS	132,000	132,200	129,200	40.4	40.6	39.2	10.68	10.61	10.15	431.47	430.77	397.88
Food & Kindred Products	37,900	37,400	37,300	40.4	40.8	38.8	10.86	10.80	10.45	438.74	440.64	405.46
Beverages	4,100	4,000	4,100	35.4	38.9	36.3	22.31	20.91	21.02	789.77	813.40	763.03
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	20,700	20,700	19,500	35.6	36.1	35.7	6.99	6.96	6.72	248.84	251.26	239.90
Paper & Allied Products	11,500	11,600	11,600	41.7	43.3	38.8	11.30	11.01	10.71	471.21	476.73	415.55
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,600	14,600	13,500	48.5	48.7	45.2	14.76	14.64	13.96	715.86	712.97	630.99
Leather & Leather Products	9,900	10,100	10,500	35.9	34.1	35.2	7.09	7.12	6.64	254.53	242.79	233.73
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,228,100	1,233,400	1,208,700	32.4	33.3	32.2	9.31	9.21	8.97	301.64	306.69	288.83
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	117,200	115,100	114,200	38.4	39.7	39.3	13.08	13.21	12.30	502.27	524.44	483.39
TRADE	491,600	494,600	490,100	31.8	32.4	31.3	8.07	7.90	7.81	256.63	255.96	244.45
WHOLESALE TRADE	114,400	113,800	112,700	39.6	39.6	40.1	11.21	11.05	10.62	443.92	437.58	425.86
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	63,100	62,800	62,100	40.0	40.3	39.0	11.59	11.58	11.10	463.60	466.67	432.90
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	51,300	51,000	50,600	39.0	38.7	41.4	10.75	10.36	10.08	419.25	400.93	417.31
RETAIL TRADE	377,200	380,800	377,400	29.5	30.3	28.7	6.79	6.67	6.63	200.31	202.10	190.28
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	103,200	104,100	99,400	36.0	37.9	37.0	10.42	10.40	10.23	375.12	394.16	378.51
SERVICES	516,100	519,600	505,000	31.0	31.9	30.5	9.21	9.09	8.87	285.51	289.97	270.53

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.4 percent in August to 5.8 percent in September. Unemployment usually declines from August to September, but this year's drop was more than normal. Drier weather and post-flood rebuilding helped increase construction jobs by 500. Seasonal gains occurred in school bus transportation companies and private and public schools. Temporary help agencies continued to add new workers, causing an employment increase of 1,700 in business services. Students leaving their summer jobs and returning to school caused seasonal declines in retail trade and recreation services. Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 16,500, or 1.4 percent. The average August to September increase during the previous 10 years was 1.0 percent. Over the year, unemployment rose slightly. The unemployment rate in September 1992 was 5.7 percent. Nonfarm payroll jobs rose 4,500 over the past 12 months. Significant gains were reported in transportation, trade and services, but transportation equipment manufacturing job losses continue to undercut the area's attempt to quicken the pace of economic recovery. Lower interest rates, increased home buying and improving retail sales have all had a positive impact on the local economy, but the rate of job growth has still not been high enough to make a significant impact on the unemployment rate. More jobs are needed to bring St. Louis employment totals back to pre-recession levels and completely replace the jobs lost as a result of layoffs in automobile manufacturing, defense contracting and telecommunications over the past three years. Despite the recent gains, the September 1993 nonfarm employment numbers were still 24,600 lower than the September 1990 totals.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 600 over the month. Seasonal layoffs were reported in stone, clay and glass. Small losses occurred in fabricated metals, aircraft and paper. All other industries reported stable employment levels. Over the year, manufacturing declined 8,000. 12-month losses in transportation equipment have grown to 6,900. Gains occurred in primary metals, food and apparel. Lumber and stone continued to report job declines, despite rising construction activity.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 17,100 over the month. The seasonal increases in schools caused a gain of 14,500 jobs in local government, 900 jobs in state government and 4,500 jobs in private educational services. The end of summer jobs cut employment by 1,500 in retail trade and 2,400 in amusement and recreation. Improving sales receipts caused small gains in department stores, automobile dealers and personal services. Over the year, nonmanufacturing employment rose 12,500. Construction and mining employment was only 300 below 1992 levels. Employment gains have been reported in trucking, airlines and school bus companies. All sectors of retail trade reported increased employment levels. Lower interest rates have caused job growth in banks and nondepository financial institutions. Continuing expanded use of temporary and contracted labor was responsible for an increase in business and management services, while health care still reported substantial improvement despite the uncertainty caused by proposed health care reform. State and local government growth was concentrated in education, while federal losses came in the defense sector.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Seasonal employment shifts in schools and recreation and continued "downsizing" in telecommunications will have little impact on next month's unemployment rate. The rate is expected to remain near 5.8 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — St. Louis MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Sept. 1993[P]	August 1993	Sept. 1992	August 1993	Sept. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,169,300	1,152,800	1,164,800	16,500	4,500
GOODS PRODUCING	244,200	244,300	252,500	-100	-8,300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	51,300	50,800	51,600	500	-300
General Building Contractors	11,600	10,900	11,800	700	-200
Special Trade Contractors	32,000	32,400	32,000	-400	0
MANUFACTURING	192,900	193,500	200,900	-600	-8,000
DURABLE GOODS	114,200	114,600	122,400	-400	-8,200
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	5,200	5,200	5,600	0	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,600	2,700	2,800	-100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	100
Fabricated Metal Products	15,700	15,800	16,000	-100	-300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	17,200	17,200	17,200	0	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	10,100	10,100	10,100	0	0
Transportation Equipment	39,200	39,200	46,100	0	-6,900
Motor vehicles & equipment	11,800	11,800	14,800	0	-3,000
Aircraft & parts	24,500	24,600	27,500	-100	-3,000
Instruments & Related Products	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	-200
NONDURABLE GOODS	78,700	78,900	78,500	-200	200
Food & Kindred Products	20,800	20,800	20,300	0	500
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	100
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	7,300	7,300	6,900	0	400
Paper & Allied Products	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,900	16,900	17,100	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	18,300	18,300	18,600	0	-300
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products	9,900	9,900	10,000	0	-100
SERVICE PRODUCING	925,100	908,500	912,300	16,600	12,800
0PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	777,700	776,500	766,900	1,200	10,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	79,000	77,600	78,000	1,400	1,000
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,800	28,900	29,000	-100	-200
Railroad Transportation	4,900	4,900	5,100	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	19,600	19,600	19,000	0	600
Transportation by Air	11,000	11,000	10,900	0	100
TRADE	278,900	280,600	276,600	-1,700	2,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	66,900	67,100	67,200	-200	-300
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	40,700	40,700	40,700	0	0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	26,200	26,400	26,500	-200	-300
RETAIL TRADE	212,000	213,500	209,400	-1,500	2,600
Building materials & garden supplies	8,000	8,300	7,800	-300	200
General merchandise stores	30,600	30,500	29,800	100	800
Food stores	31,800	31,600	30,800	200	1,000
Automotive dealers/service stations	21,200	21,000	21,000	200	200
Apparel & accessory stores	13,400	13,800	13,300	-400	100
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	9,100	9,000	8,700	100	400
Eating & drinking places	77,100	78,200	76,800	-1,100	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	73,300	74,000	72,600	-700	700
Depository Institutions	22,900	23,200	22,400	-300	500
Nondepository Institutions	6,700	6,600	6,300	100	400
Insurance Carriers	16,300	16,500	16,600	-200	-300
Insurance Agents, Brokers	6,600	6,600	6,700	0	-100
Real Estate	11,500	11,800	11,500	-300	0
SERVICES	346,500	344,300	339,700	2,200	6,800
Personal Services	15,300	15,000	15,600	300	-300
Business Services	61,900	60,200	60,200	1,700	1,700
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	11,500	11,500	10,800	0	700
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	18,500	20,900	18,900	-2,400	-400
Health Services	111,900	111,900	109,500	0	2,400
Hospitals (private)	58,700	59,000	58,400	-300	300
Legal Services	8,400	8,500	8,300	-100	100
Educational Services (private)	33,600	29,100	32,500	4,500	1,100
Social Services	20,600	20,500	20,000	100	600
Membership Organizations	19,800	21,200	19,600	-1,400	200
Engineering & Management Services	22,700	22,700	21,900	0	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	147,400	132,000	145,400	15,400	2,000
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	36,000	36,000	36,300	0	-300
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,900	19,000	19,300	900	600
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	91,500	77,000	89,800	14,500	1,700

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — St. Louis MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Sept 1993[P]	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993[P]	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993[P]	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993[P]	Aug 1993	Sept 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	158,900	158,400	164,600	41.0	40.8	39.5	$15.05	$14.91	$14.86	$617.05	$608.33	$586.97
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	39,800	39,300	40,500	36.7	36.0	33.4	19.14	19.20	18.71	702.44	691.20	624.91
MANUFACTURING	119,100	119,100	124,000	42.4	42.4	41.5	13.87	13.71	13.85	588.09	581.30	574.78
DURABLE GOODS	71,400	71,600	77,800	43.2	43.0	41.8	14.75	14.57	14.54	637.20	626.51	607.77
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,800	3,800	4,000	39.9	41.7	43.3	10.09	9.98	9.87	402.59	416.17	427.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1,900	2,000	2,000	46.3	39.2	40.5	13.32	12.32	12.37	616.72	482.94	500.98
Primary Metal Industries	9,400	9,500	9,500	47.3	45.0	43.3	14.40	14.00	14.10	681.12	630.00	610.53
Fabricated Metal Products	11,800	11,800	12,100	43.1	42.6	42.2	13.80	13.68	13.01	594.78	582.77	549.02
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	11,000	10,900	11,200	40.7	41.5	40.9	13.04	12.67	12.79	530.73	525.80	523.11
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	6,400	6,500	6,600	41.7	41.9	40.2	9.76	9.95	10.38	406.99	416.90	417.28
Transportation Equipment	21,200	21,400	26,100	44.6	45.0	42.3	19.40	19.32	18.82	865.24	869.40	796.09
Motor vehicles & equipment	10,300	10,200	13,000	46.1	47.5	42.5	18.86	18.98	18.59	869.45	901.55	790.08
Instruments & Related Products	3,400	3,400	3,800	40.4	39.8	40.0	12.58	12.38	12.39	508.23	492.72	495.60
NONDURABLE GOODS	47,700	47,500	46,200	41.2	41.6	41.1	12.50	12.37	12.66	515.00	514.59	520.33
Food & Kindred Products	13,600	13,600	12,900	37.3	40.1	38.4	14.33	13.96	13.94	534.51	559.80	535.30
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	5,800	5,700	5,100	36.5	36.8	38.2	7.62	7.86	7.59	278.13	289.25	289.94
Paper & Allied Products	4,600	4,800	4,700	46.5	46.0	40.3	12.04	11.60	11.18	559.86	533.60	450.55
Printing & Publishing	10,400	10,400	10,500	41.7	40.5	42.4	13.03	13.10	12.35	543.35	530.55	523.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	6,200	6,200	6,300	48.4	48.3	44.9	13.58	13.21	14.77	657.27	638.04	663.17
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products	7,000	6,900	6,700	42.0	41.2	43.6	11.27	11.24	13.18	473.34	463.09	574.65
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	639,800	640,400	630,400	32.0	32.7	31.4	10.11	9.95	9.68	323.52	325.37	303.95
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	61,400	59,900	59,800	37.4	38.7	36.6	13.91	13.99	13.65	520.23	541.41	499.59
TRADE	245,600	247,200	244,200	31.7	31.8	30.5	9.11	8.91	8.70	288.79	283.34	265.35
WHOLESALE TRADE	55,200	55,300	55,400	40.6	39.7	38.3	12.43	12.04	11.92	504.66	477.99	456.54
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,400	33,300	33,400	40.8	40.8	36.7	11.69	11.80	11.78	476.95	481.44	432.33
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	21,800	22,000	22,000	40.2	38.0	40.7	13.58	12.42	12.11	545.92	471.96	492.88
RETAIL TRADE	190,400	191,900	188,800	29.1	29.5	28.2	7.77	7.70	7.41	226.11	227.15	208.96
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	52,300	53,000	51,700	35.3	36.3	35.3	10.40	10.25	10.12	367.12	372.08	357.24
SERVICES	280,500	280,300	274,700	30.6	31.6	30.4	9.94	9.75	9.42	304.16	308.10	286.37

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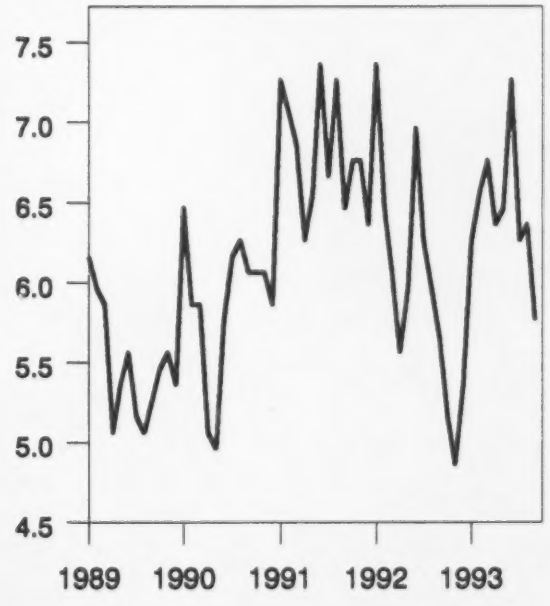
St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



St. Louis MSA Payroll Employment

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Area Labor Force Conditions

The Kansas City metropolitan area's unemployment rate fell five tenths of a percentage point in September to 4.9 percent of the labor force. After averaging 5.4 percent for most of the year, the unemployment rate edged down to its lowest level this year. For the first time in 1993, the unemployment rate fell below the comparable monthly rate in 1992. The number of unemployed persons declined by 4,700 over the month to 42,700. Much of the drop could be attributed to the continuing withdrawal of summer workers from the labor force, which was estimated at 876,400. Total employment, which recovered part of the drop in August from the July high point, was estimated at 833,800 in September, an increase of 2,900 over the month. Both total employment and the civilian labor force have expanded substantially over the year, showing increases of more than 14,000 workers.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Non-agricultural wage and salary employment registered an above average gain of 8,000 jobs to 797,100 jobs in September, following losses in July and August of 11,000 jobs from the peak in June of 800,100 jobs. The increase over the month was concentrated in government and in transportation, communications and utilities (resulting from the reopening of area schools) and in manufacturing (reflecting the return to work of nearly 1,000 transportation equipment workers following a short-term layoff). Government employment registered the largest increase in jobs in September, reflecting the reopening of local area schools and colleges. Despite a drop in federal government jobs, which partially offset the increase in state and local sectors, total government employment posted an above average monthly increase of 7,400 jobs. The reopening of area schools also led to an increase of 1,100 jobs in transportation, communications and utilities. After falling by 1,300 in August, the number of manufacturing jobs increased by 600 in September. The return of nearly 1,000 transportation equipment workers, temporarily laid off due to a parts shortage, accounted for the increase. Losses in the nondurable manufacturing goods industries, primarily chemicals, offset part of the increase. Construction employment, which gained 900 jobs in August following the weather-related and flood-related losses in July, remained little changed in September. Both wholesale and retail trade were virtually unchanged in September. Moderate losses in eating and drinking establishments were offset by small gains in general merchandise and furniture stores. Finance, insurance and real estate showed little change for the fourth straight month. Within the services industry, private schools added 900 new jobs. This increase, along with gains in personal services and business services, partially offset the seasonal layoff of 1,800 amusement and recreation services workers. Overall, the services industry lost 900 jobs in September.

Over the year, non-farm payroll employment has risen by 7,800. For most of 1993, the average over-the-year increase has exceeded 1992 levels by an estimated 9,000 jobs. With the exception of manufacturing and wholesale trade, most industries showed moderate to above average gains over the year. The most notable gain was in construction, which registered an increase of 5.2 percent over the year. Since the low point in January, construction employment has risen by 5,900 jobs and has added 1,700 since September 1992. Compared to September 1992, total government employment has increased by 1,600 jobs. Employers in transportation, communications and utilities have added 700 jobs, mainly in trucking and warehousing. Compared to year-ago levels, retail trade has made moderate improvement with 600 additional jobs, attributed primarily to increased demand in automotive dealers and furniture stores. Finance, insurance and real estate, which has added 1,900 jobs over the year, has grown by more than three percent since September 1992. Services accounted for the largest increase in jobs over the past year, with 3,500 additional jobs. Advances were concentrated in business services, which has netted moderate but consistent monthly growth since January and is up by 1,500 jobs since September 1992. Other notable gains occurred in health, educational and social services. Over the year, manufacturing employment has declined by 1,400 jobs, with the largest job losses concentrated in transportation equipment, fabricated metal products and chemicals.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Unemployment is expected to continue to edge down slightly in October as more seasonal workers leave the labor forces. Seasonal layoffs in amusement and recreation services and retail trade will be offset by additional employment increases in area schools.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Kansas City MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Sept. 1993[P]	August 1993	Sept. 1992	August 1993	Sept. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	797,100	789,100	789,300	8,000	7,800
GOODS PRODUCING	137,100	136,600	137,600	500	-500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	34,700	34,800	33,000	-100	1,700
General Building Contractors	6,400	6,400	6,100	0	300
Special Trade Contractors	22,800	23,000	21,400	-200	1,400
MANUFACTURING	102,400	101,800	104,600	600	-2,200
DURABLE GOODS	47,600	46,700	49,000	900	-1,400
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,500	3,500	3,200	0	300
Fabricated Metal Products	12,100	12,100	12,900	0	-800
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	7,100	7,200	7,000	-100	100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	8,300	7,300	9,300	1,000	-1,000
NONDURABLE GOODS	54,800	55,100	55,600	-300	-800
Food & Kindred Products	7,800	7,800	8,000	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Printing & Publishing	22,000	22,000	22,000	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,500	9,700	10,000	-200	-500
SERVICE PRODUCING	660,000	652,500	651,700	7,500	8,300
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	534,500	534,400	527,800	100	6,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65,500	64,400	64,800	1,100	700
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,500	25,500	25,100	0	400
Railroad Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20,500	20,700	19,600	-200	900
Transportation by Air	6,900	6,900	7,400	0	-500
TRADE	198,700	198,700	198,100	0	600
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,000	56,900	57,100	100	-100
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	34,600	34,400	34,700	200	-100
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,400	22,500	22,400	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	141,700	141,800	141,000	-100	700
Building materials & garden supplies	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
General merchandise stores	21,300	21,100	21,400	200	-100
Food stores	19,100	19,100	19,000	0	100
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,200	16,200	15,300	0	900
Apparel & accessory stores	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	5,900	5,700	5,400	200	500
Eating & drinking places	49,900	50,300	49,600	-400	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	61,600	61,700	59,700	-100	1,900
Depository Institutions	15,200	15,300	15,000	-100	200
SERVICES	208,700	209,600	205,200	-900	3,500
Personal Services	10,300	9,900	10,300	400	0
Business Services	45,500	45,300	44,000	200	1,500
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	8,600	8,600	8,600	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	11,500	13,300	11,500	-1,800	0
Health Services	61,200	61,300	60,600	-100	600
Legal Services	6,500	6,700	6,700	-200	-200
Educational Services (private)	7,500	6,600	7,000	900	500
Social Services	11,900	11,800	11,300	100	600
Membership Organizations	13,300	13,300	13,000	0	300
Engineering & Management Services	19,500	19,700	19,300	-200	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	125,500	118,100	123,900	7,400	1,600
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,000	31,800	31,600	-800	-600
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,400	18,200	400	600
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	75,700	67,900	74,100	7,800	1,600

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	96,400	95,600	97,200	40.7	40.5	40.0	$14.56	$14.28	$14.03	$592.59	$578.34	$561.20
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	26,700	26,900	25,200	36.8	39.1	36.9	17.23	17.28	16.75	634.06	675.65	618.07
MANUFACTURING	69,700	68,700	72,000	42.2	41.0	41.1	13.67	13.15	13.17	576.87	539.15	541.29
DURABLE GOODS	33,800	32,500	34,900	43.8	41.2	41.2	14.76	13.99	14.07	646.49	576.39	579.68
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,500	2,500	2,400	41.6	40.6	44.2	9.78	9.29	9.62	406.85	377.17	425.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,700	2,700	2,700	41.0	39.6	39.2	13.46	12.90	12.90	551.86	510.84	505.68
Fabricated Metal Products	6,700	6,700	7,500	41.1	40.8	39.6	13.61	13.33	12.72	559.37	543.86	503.71
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5,000	5,000	4,700	43.4	42.3	40.0	12.66	12.50	12.15	549.44	528.75	486.00
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	5,400	5,400	5,200	41.6	41.2	41.9	13.68	12.61	12.77	569.09	519.53	535.06
Transportation Equipment	7,500	6,500	8,500	47.8	37.2	41.2	19.27	18.78	18.08	921.11	698.62	744.90
NONDURABLE GOODS	35,900	36,200	37,100	40.8	40.7	41.0	12.58	12.38	12.32	513.26	503.87	505.12
Food & Kindred Products	6,000	6,100	6,200	39.1	39.3	36.8	12.33	12.32	12.70	482.10	484.18	467.36
Paper & Allied Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	41.1	40.4	39.6	12.08	11.68	11.58	496.49	471.87	458.57
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,800	3,900	4,200	41.5	41.4	41.8	17.50	17.37	16.92	726.25	719.12	707.26
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	429,900	430,600	423,000	33.4	34.4	33.3	10.25	10.10	10.14	342.35	347.44	337.66
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	35,200	33,900	34,600	40.6	41.5	41.0	16.37	16.55	16.50	664.62	686.83	676.50
TRADE	171,000	170,900	168,100	32.0	32.9	31.7	8.41	8.33	8.66	269.12	274.06	274.52
WHOLESALE TRADE	46,200	46,000	46,400	38.4	40.0	39.2	11.46	11.43	11.93	440.06	457.20	467.66
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,200	28,000	27,900	39.1	40.7	39.9	11.76	11.91	11.17	459.82	484.74	445.68
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	18,000	18,000	18,500	37.5	38.8	38.3	10.95	10.65	13.12	410.63	413.22	502.50
RETAIL TRADE	124,800	124,900	121,700	29.6	30.3	28.8	6.94	6.82	6.97	205.42	206.65	200.74
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	48,000	47,900	46,200	36.5	39.6	38.4	10.46	10.16	10.84	381.79	402.34	416.26
SERVICES	175,700	177,900	174,100	32.4	33.0	31.9	10.42	10.23	9.71	337.61	337.59	309.75

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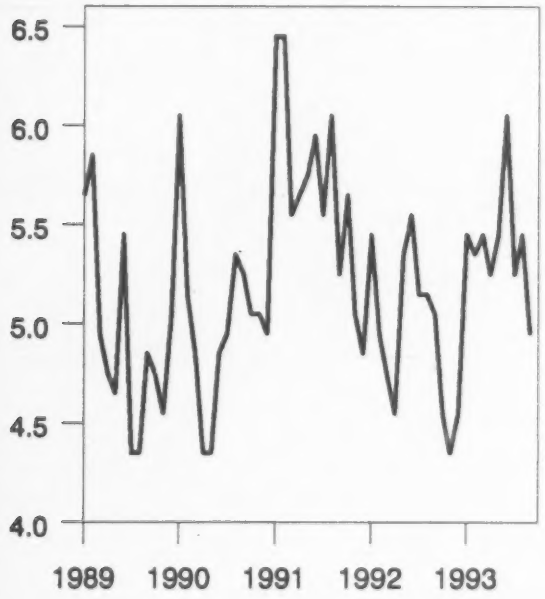
Kansas City MSA Unemployment Rate



Kansas City MSA Payroll Employment

Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The September civilian labor force in the Springfield MSA expanded by 3,700 from August to reach 140,100. Total employment, estimated at 134,400, showed an increase of 4,200 during the month. The number of unemployed persons decreased from 6,200 in August to 5,700 in September. The unemployment rate dropped from 4.5 percent in August to 4.1 percent in September.

During September 1992, there were 6,800 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was 5.0 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 4,000 from August to reach 131,600 in September. The gain occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector; the number of manufacturing jobs did not change from the August total. Nonmanufacturing industries showing significant changes in employment levels from August to September included construction, down 200; trade, up 400; services, up 800; and government, up 2,900. The increases in services and government mostly reflected seasonal job gains at state, local and private educational institutions as schools opened for the fall term.

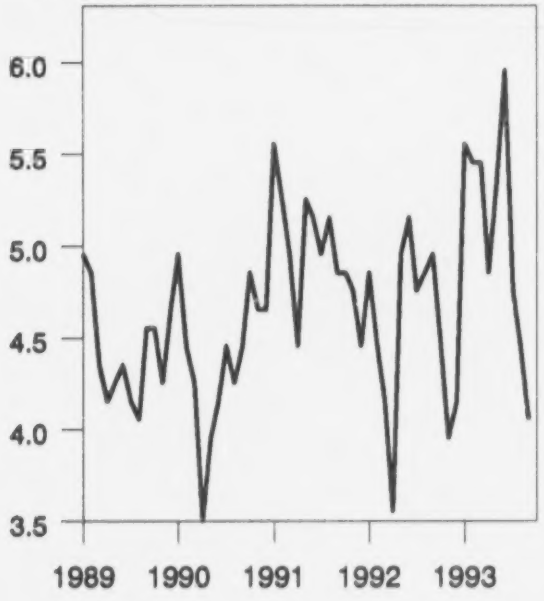
Hours and Earnings

The average weekly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers dropped from $428.28 in August to $418.55 in September. The average factory work week was down 1.3 hours from August to 41.4 hours in September. Average hourly earnings rose eight cents to $10.11. Average hourly earnings in September 1992 were $10.17.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Minimal change in payroll employment is expected during October. The rate of unemployment should remain near the current level or drop slightly during October.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



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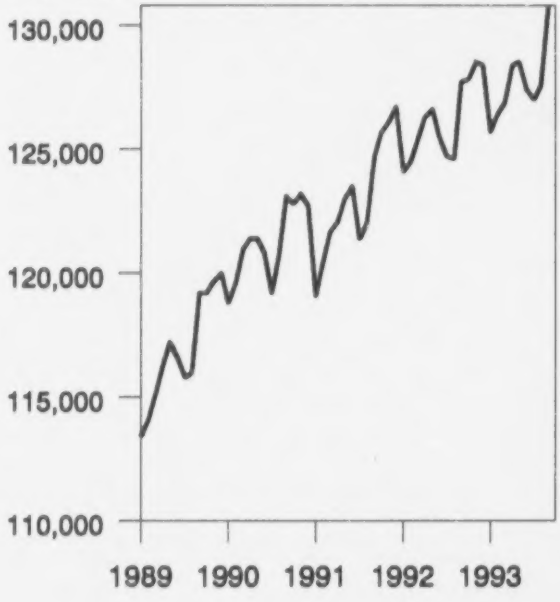

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Springfield MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Sept. 1993P	August 1993	Sept. 1992	August 1993	Sept. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	131,600	127,600	127,700	4,000	3,900
GOODS PRODUCING	25,200	25,400	24,900	-200	300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	5,100	5,300	4,900	-200	200
MANUFACTURING	20,100	20,100	20,000	0	100
DURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,300	9,500	0	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	2,900	2,900	3,300	0	-400
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,800	10,800	10,500	0	300
Paper & Allied Products	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	2,100	2,200	2,100	-100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	106,400	102,200	102,800	4,200	3,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	89,400	88,100	86,700	1,300	2,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,900	7,800	7,500	100	400
Railroad Transportation	800	800	900	0	-100
TRADE	37,300	36,900	36,300	400	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	11,500	11,300	11,200	200	300
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	6,700	6,500	6,400	200	300
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	25,800	25,600	25,100	200	700
Eating & drinking places	9,700	9,500	9,300	200	400
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	16,100	16,100	15,800	0	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,000	6,000	5,600	0	400
SERVICES	38,200	37,400	37,300	800	900
Personal & Business Services	7,500	7,400	7,400	100	100
Health Services	15,600	15,700	15,600	-100	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,000	14,100	16,100	2,900	900
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,700	4,400	5,300	1,300	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	9,100	7,500	8,600	1,600	500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Springfield MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992	Sept 1993P	Aug 1993	Sept 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	18,700	18,900	18,000	39.9	42.1	37.5	$10.54	$10.66	$10.59	$420.55	$448.79	$397.13
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	3,900	4,100	3,500	34.1	39.6	34.5	12.90	13.15	12.52	439.89	520.74	431.94
MANUFACTURING	14,800	14,800	14,500	41.4	42.7	38.2	10.02	10.03	10.17	414.83	428.28	388.49
DURABLE GOODS	6,900	6,900	7,100	40.8	41.8	37.9	10.09	10.06	9.82	411.67	420.51	372.18
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	1,800	1,700	1,600	39.0	42.8	41.7	11.13	11.15	11.40	434.07	477.22	475.38
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	2,200	2,200	2,800	45.2	43.4	33.1	9.44	9.45	9.16	426.69	410.13	303.20
NONDURABLE GOODS	7,900	7,900	7,400	42.0	43.6	38.5	9.96	10.00	10.50	418.32	436.00	404.25
Paper & Allied Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	37.9	45.6	32.0	11.20	11.20	10.75	424.48	510.72	344.00
Printing & Publishing	1,400	1,400	1,400	38.5	38.1	37.0	10.21	10.03	9.90	393.09	382.14	366.30
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	73,700	72,900	72,100	34.2	34.4	33.1	8.01	7.71	7.59	273.94	265.22	251.23
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,600	6,500	6,200	36.5	36.1	35.8	12.52	10.51	10.40	456.98	379.41	372.32
TRADE	33,400	33,200	32,600	33.0	33.0	33.3	7.94	7.77	7.99	262.02	256.41	266.07
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,700	9,700	9,200	40.2	38.9	40.0	11.21	10.85	11.08	450.64	422.07	443.20
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	5,600	5,500	5,100	38.9	39.1	39.7	9.52	9.21	9.40	370.33	360.11	373.18
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,100	4,200	4,100	42.0	38.7	40.4	13.32	13.03	13.14	559.44	504.26	530.86
RETAIL TRADE	23,700	23,500	23,400	30.1	30.6	30.6	6.16	6.17	6.39	185.42	188.80	195.53
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,000	34.9	37.6	34.0	7.13	7.08	6.34	248.84	266.21	215.56
SERVICES	29,200	28,700	29,300	34.9	35.1	32.2	7.16	7.09	6.66	249.88	248.86	214.45

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